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SUSPENSION

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1. EMPHASIS OF JUNE 5 VANCOUVER PROVINCE REPORTING ON U.S.-CANADIAN FISHING SITUATION CENTERS ON U.S. BAN ON RECREATIONAL FISHING BY CANADIANS IN CANADIAN BOATS IN U.S. WATERS. PROVINCE REPORTS THAT CANADIAN FISHERIES OFFICIALS ARE UNCERTAIN IF AMERICAN SPORTS FISHING BOATS WILL BE SIMILARLY BARRED FROM FISHING IN CANADIAN WATERS IN VIEW OF CANADIAN TOURIST INDUSTRY INTERESTS. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT TO DATE THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPEAT NO INCIDENTS WITH COMMERCIAL VESSELS AND THAT NONE ARE ANTICIPATED.

2. PROVINCE EDITORIAL STATES THAT WHILE THERE IS NO DOUBT GOC IS "TAKING A TOUGH STAND,WHETHER IT IS A DECLARATION OF WAR WILL DEPEND ON THE RESPONSE OF THE AMERICANS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS."
"THE CANADIAN STAND IS, IN FACT, A REPLY TO IMPLICATIONS BY SENATOR
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WARREN MAGNUSONAND OTHER AMERICANS THAT THE CANADIANS WOULD NOT HAVE THE GUTS TO TAKE STRONG ACTION IF THE U.S. MERELY HUNG TOUGH IN THE SITUATION".

3. EDITORIAL, NOTING THAT BOTH SIDES "WILL FEEL THE PINCH", STATES THAT "FAILURE OF THE TWO SIDES TO REACH AN AGREEMENT FOR THIS YEAR IS JUST PLAIN SILLY" AND THAT EVEN THOSE "NOW BEATING THE JINGOISTIC

DRUMS" ACCEPT THE IMPERATIVE THAT ULTIMATELY AN AGREEMENT WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT COVERING FISHING, CONSERVATION, MARINE BOUNDARIES AND OFF-SHORE PETROLEUM EXPLORATION.

4. PROVINCE, NONETHELESS, CHIDES U.S. FOR UNILATERAL CHANGES IN THE LENGTH OF THE WEST COAST FISHING SEASON AND IN THE MINIMUM SIZE OF CHINOOK AND COHO WHICH "WAS ONE OF THE ACTIONS THAT GAVE RISE" TO THE CANADIAN DECISION.
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